

## Maine Revised Statutes

### Title 17: CRIMES

#### Chapter 42: ANIMAL WELFARE HEADING: PL 1987, c. 383, §4 (new); 1999, c. 254, §16 (rpr)

#### §1043. EMERGENCY METHODS

The following methods shall be used only in an emergency situation in which the safety of people or other animal life is threatened or in a situation in which the mandatory method of euthanasia of cats and dogs cannot be implemented expeditiously and will cause undue suffering. The following methods shall not be used as a substitute for the mandatory method. [1987, c. 383, §4 (NEW).]

**1. Shooting.** The animal may be destroyed by shooting, provided that:

A. The animal is restrained in a humane manner; [1987, c. 383, §4 (NEW).]

B. Shooting is performed by highly skilled and trained personnel utilizing a weapon and ammunition of suitable caliber and other characteristics to produce instantaneous death by a single shot; and [1987, c. 383, §4 (NEW).]

C. Maximum precaution is taken to protect the general public, employees and other animals. [1987, c. 383, §4 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1987, c. 383, §4 (NEW).

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